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Recovery Act Money and You Webinar

**Series 2: Finding Recovery Act
Opportunities**

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FINDING RECOVERY ACT OPPORTUNITIES

Questions and Answers

1. **For a new small certified DBE, Minority Women-Owned and County Business Enterprise these webinars are very helpful. But how can a small business get a fair share of contracts when the competition from major players is so fierce?**

When applying for a grant, an award is never guaranteed, but there are ways improve your chances of award. To improve your chance to be awarded grant funds, ensure that you have followed the grantor instructions; present a clear and concise explanation of your program and implementation, and meet all deadlines.

2. **Will this presentation be available online at a later time?**

A recorded archive of the webinar, presentation slides with note pages, along with consolidated responses to questions posed during the webinar have all been made available on the Grants.gov Recovery Act Webinar Series page: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp

3. **Do you have to sign up for each webinar individually?**

The webinars were offered separately, so separate registration was required for each. If you were unable to register for any of the three Recovery Act webinars, a recorded archive of all webinars, presentation slides with note pages, along with consolidated responses to questions posed during the webinars have all been made available on the Grants.gov Recovery Act Webinar Series page: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp

4. **The next webinar is already full, will there be another opportunity to attend?**

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5. **Will “Keyword Search” do a search for the funding opportunity titles only or the entire document?**

“Keyword Search” searches the entire opportunity, not just the opportunity title for matching terms. If you enter “Red Cross” any and all opportunities with these keywords will be displayed in your search results.

6. **Under Eligibility what would a “quasi county government agency” be considered under when searching in the eligibility category?**

Your “quasi county government agency” may fall under the eligibility categories of County Government, City or Township Governments. To look for grants specific to your eligibility category, use the “Advanced Search” feature under “For Applicants” in the left navigation.

***Please Note:** many grantor agencies list opportunities under the eligibility category “Other” so try not to limit your search criteria too much, to avoid missing opportunities of value to you.*

7. **You stated that not all of the funding opportunities will be through Grants.gov. Will Grants.gov still post all of the funding opportunities, or is there another Web site(s) we should also check?**

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Grants.gov is a comprehensive “one-stop resource” for finding information on Federal grant opportunities from all 26 Federal grant making agencies. A few agencies have opted to use alternative application submission processes in order to handle the unprecedented number of Recovery Act opportunities. All synopses must be posted on Grants.gov. Be sure to check the instructions for the opportunity for details on application submission requirements.

8. I just want to clarify, does grants.gov post formula and block grants?

Grants.gov publishes very few Formula/ Block grants, if you are searching for this type of funding, visit: www.CFDA.gov where you may perform an advanced search and find Recovery specific and other formula/block funding opportunities.

9. Looking at Recovery Act opportunities, there are several without a deadline date, for health care and the department of labor, why is this?

These opportunities may have rolling deadlines, it is best to contact the agency point of contact listed on the opportunity synopsis for guidance.

10. If I sign up for daily e-mail alerts, will I automatically receive Recovery Act announcements?

If you sign up for the e-mail alerts you will receive updates on all new and modified opportunities depending on which e-mail listserv you have joined.

11. Why would an opportunity deadline be extended by 4 hours on the day of the closing?

The reason for this is unclear, it could have something to do with system issues, or it may have had a limited window and audience for application. It is best to contact the agency point of contact listed on the opportunity synopsis for more information and guidance.

12. Where are award reporting requirements found?

This should be included with the award information that will be sent to you when you are notified of your award. Each grantor agency has their policies and procedures for reporting. It is best to contact the agency point of contact listed on the opportunity synopsis for more information and guidance.